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1. [REDACTED] plans now are complete to resume, after an interruption of two years, the repatriation of Armenians in the Middle East to the Armenian SSR. [REDACTED] this repatriation movement will commence in late May or early June 1950.

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2. [REDACTED] the budget of the ASSR for 1950 allots a sum sufficient to move 25,000 Armenians from the Middle East and settle them in the ASSR; of these, 5,000 are expected to be repatriated from Syria and Lebanon. [REDACTED] Soviet diplomatic installations in the Middle East are being flooded with applications for repatriation.

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Comment. [REDACTED] Armenian rightist groups confirms the report that repatriation of Armenians is to be attempted in 1950, but asserts that very few Armenians are willing to go.

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